

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, January 23, 1992
at 9:45 A.M., in Room BC-226, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present: V. Baba, P. Bird, U. De Brentani, D. Ginter, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), D. Markiewicz, S. Sankar, Dr. T.S. Sankar, P. Shizgal, A. Williams, Carole Zucker, Evelyn Loo (Secretary)

Guest: Dr. Rose Sheinin

Absent with regrets: R. Parker

Absent: E. Doedel, M. Hague, A. Zaidi

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

In advance

SRC-09-12-91-D143 The Medical Research Council's Position Paper on Scientific Integrity.

SRG-09-26-91-D147 COPY OF DOCUMENT FROM CREPUQ - GUIDELINES FOR INVESTIGATORS IN BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF MISCONDUCT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF RESEARCH.

SRC-09-26-91-D148 CODE OF ETHICS FROM INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA
RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE.

SRC-01-23-92-D154 Document from Association Des Administrateurs de Recherche Universitaire du Québec (ADARUQ) entitled "Conférence - L'intégrité scientifique".

At the Meeting

SRC-01-23-92-D155 Draft Memorandum to Mr. John Noonan -Re:
"Guidelines for the implementation of the
Policy Document entitled, 'The Enhancement of
Research at Concordia University:' Discussion
by the Senate Research Committee"

SRC-01-23-92-D156 Guidelines and procedures for investigating reports of misconduct in the area of biomedical and behavioral research.

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by the Committee.

2.0 MINUTES

As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, they were approved unanimously.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no particular business arising.

4.0 REPORT OF CHAIR

The Chair reported that at the last Senate Meeting the question of funding crisis in the library was raised, the library required an additional input of \$450,000 in order to maintain same level of purchasing power as the precedent year.

5.0 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES

The Chair reported that the Director will be a late so we will directly proceed to Item 6 of the Agenda.

6.0 "GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION ...

The Chair welcomed Dr. Rose Sheinin who was unable to attend the last SRC Meeting.

Dr. Sheinin thanked committee members for accommodating her. She has read the document thoroughly and in general she has two reactions to it:

She voice her support for the document's attempt to provide requisites for a well integrated mechanism in which strategic academic planning and budgeting constituted an effective context for research development. She urged the committee to send these recommendations on to SCAPP, which would soon deal with the issue of strategic academic planning in the University.

Dr. Sheinin voiced reservations regarding whether academic units at Concordia were capable at this time of engaging in the type of planning demanded by the SRC's document.

She also voiced the view that she hoped that the current document would be followed soon by other recommendations bearing upon concrete actions which the University might take in the shorter term to enhance research at Concordia.

The members of the committee engaged Dr. Sheinin in discussion. Various members stressed the need to institute as soon as possible the type of planning and budgeting process recommended in the SRC's document if any serious development in the academic sphere were to take place. It was stressed that Concordia faced a window of opportunity in the several years ahead to shape significantly the academic sector in light of priorities and strategies adopted by Senate for the enhancement of research.

As a result of the discussion, it was decided that Recommendation 1 should be reworded to clearly reflect the intent that academic planning required first and foremost planning at the level of the individual academic unit. It was also decided that the SRC immediately move as a next step to making recommendations concerning mechanisms to enhance research which could be implemented in the shorter term and/or concurrently with the type of planning called for in the document under discussion.

An ad hoc sub-committee, comprising D. Ginter, V.V. Baba and T.S. Sankar, and chaired by J. Lightstone, will further pursue these issues in order to facilitate discussions at the next meeting.

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9. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February, 13, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. in BC-110.

10. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.